



Racks4Reptiles

Boa Constrictor

Scientific Name: Boa constrictor constrictor

- Origin: South America
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: Upwards of 6ft
- Life Span: Up to 30 years
- Behaviour: Crepuscular/Nocturnal •
Diet: Carnivore
- Handling: Intermediate
- Humidity: 60-70%

Equipment and housing

•Housing: Wooden vivarium. As adults 4ft x 3ft x 3ft minimum. Juvenile boas can be kept in 2'x18" x 18"

• Heating & Lighting: HOT Spot: 30°C-32°C (86°F-90°F) with cool side at roughly 75 - 80f. this can be achieved by using a heat mat or ceramic bulb. This must be controlled by using a thermostat. (adults will require ceramic heating)

• Substrate: Coco fibre, lignocel, Habistat snake bedding, snake life bedding, Paper, beech chip and various others are acceptable.

• Water: Fresh water should always be available to the animal.

• Decoration and hides: these additions will give your Snake places to hide and sleep. You can decorate the enclosure to your liking. Moist hides can be placed within the enclosure to assist with shedding. Simply create a hide and add some slightly damp moss. Spray this with water as required.

FOOD

Frozen thawed rodents such as mice, rats and rabbits

SUPPLEMENTATION

No supplementation is required.

Maintenance

Water bowl should be tipped up daily and disinfected weekly.

You can also spot clean the enclosure daily. We recommend changing the substrate and giving the enclosure a deep clean monthly.

Food should be offered every 7-10 days as juveniles and every 2/3 weeks as adults depending on food size. Thaw out rodents over night and warm before offering. (DO NOT USE A MICROWAVE)

When cleaning, use a reptile safe disinfectant.

Uneaten rodents must be disposed of. Do not re-freeze.

Handling

Handle your boa regularly so that it gets used to you and feels confident. Children should be assisted by competent adult when handling to prevent injury to the animal. Snakes strike for 1 of 2 reasons, the snake is scared, or the snake thinks it is feeding time.

Always wash your hands after handling reptiles.

For further information, please contact Racks4Reptiles